

DAILY PLANET

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X-33 heat shield 'ready for flight'

Development of a low-cost space plane took a step forward last month when one of three technologies essential to its success was declared "ready for flight." The rugged, metallic thermal-protection panels designed for NASA's X-33 technology demonstrator passed an intensive test series. The thermal protection system combines aircraft and space-plane design, using easy-to-maintain metallic panels placed over insulating material. The X-33 program is under the Space Transportation Programs Office at Marshall. The panels were developed and built by team member BFGoodrich Aerospace/Aerostructures Group in Chula Vista, Calif.

Black History Month celebration Friday

To commemorate Black History Month in February, the Marshall Center Black History Committee has several events planned. "Down Home Blues" will be the theme Friday in the Bldg. 4203 cafeteria. Soul food will be featured as a manager's special. Marshall employees will provide musical entertainment from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Taylor reception postponed

The retirement reception to honor Bill Taylor, director of Marshall's Science and Engineering Directorate, has been postponed due to family illness. The event, originally set for 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 4 will be rescheduled.

Emergency Warning System to be tested Thursday

Monthly testing of the Emergency Warning System is scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday. This is an audio test only, and personnel should not evacuate. If severe weather is occurring at this time, testing will be rescheduled. Safety coordinators and monitors should send reports of malfunctioning speakers to the AB/11 Emergency Preparedness Officer at 4-5187, immediately after the test.